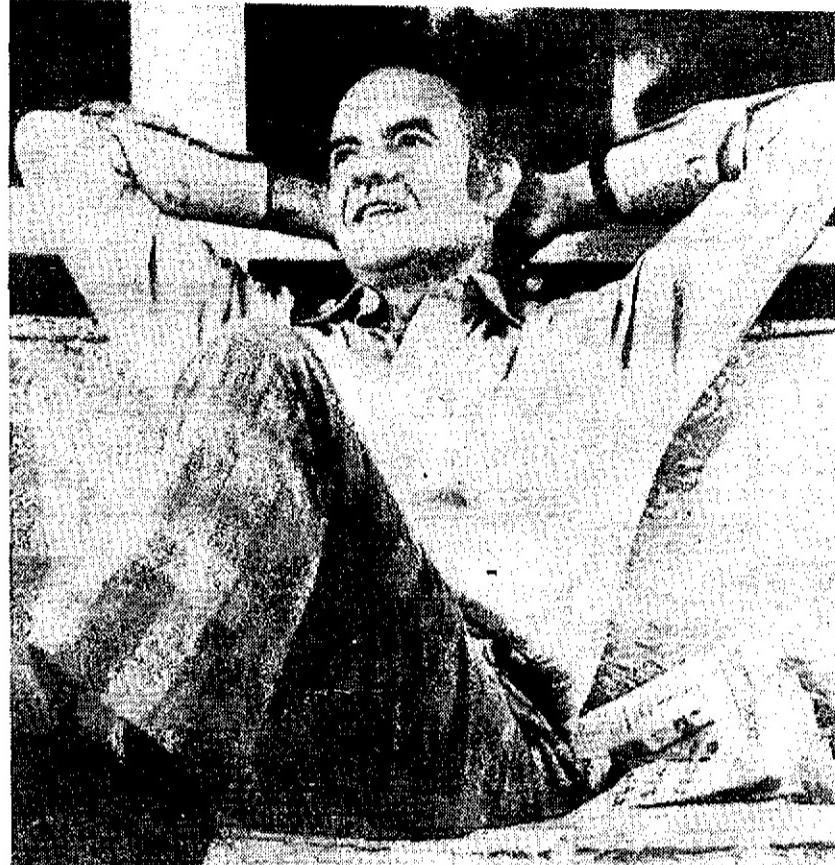


## McGovern On Brink Of Party Nomination



ON A VICTORIOUS NIGHT: Sen. George S. McGovern leans back in his penthouse suite in a Miami Beach hotel and savors his victory Monday night at the Democratic National Convention. He recaptured 151 California votes taken from him by the credentials committee, putting him within reach of the presidential nomination. (AP Wirephoto)

### He's In Control Of Convention

#### Daley Absent For First Time In 20 Years

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Sen. George McGovern, staging a dramatic demonstration of political power, swept to the brink of the Democratic presidential nomination today in a marathon opening session of his party's national convention that ended just before dawn.

McGovern's display of organizational muscle came when he recaptured 151 disputed California delegates at the peak of a tumultuous session.

The South Dakota senator claimed his long, uphill battle was near success and that victory in Wednesday night's nominating session is "within our grasp."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, leader of the coalition of McGovern rivals that lost the crucial California vote, declined to concede the nomination. But he admitted that McGovern "had quite a night" and promised to say more in the morning.

But with victory within reach in the convention's opening session, the McGovern camp failed in its effort to engineer a compromise to seat both Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley and a heavily pro-McGovern group of Illinois challengers.

The convention then voted to oust the powerful Chicago mayor in a move expected to have far-reaching consequences both throughout the party and in its fall campaign for the White House in the politically crucial state of Illinois.

Party leaders had feared the opening night session would run into the daylight hours.

But the showdown votes on California and Illinois were followed by a series of compromises that quickly brought the opening session to a close about a few minutes before 5 a.m. EDT.

In terms of the party's presidential fight, the California test was crucial, perhaps decisive.

According to an Associated

Press council, addition of the 151 California votes brought McGovern within about 25 votes of a first-ballot nomination with other uncommitted delegates expected to move his way.

It took two votes, both decided by larger than expected margins, to settle the California credentials dispute.

First, the McGovern forces overturned by a vote of 1,618.28 to 1,238.22 the Credentials Committee's decision — which had been engineered by backers of Humphrey, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie and Gov. George C. Wallace — to deny McGovern all the California votes.

Then, by an even broader margin of 1,689.52 to 1,162.23, the McGovern forces defeated

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### Court Branch Closed

The Fifth District Court Magistrate's office in Waterford has been closed until further notice and all traffic citations will be taken care of in District court in St. Joseph, according to Judge John T. Hammond.

The office in Waterford was

closed due to the resignation of

Magistrate James L. Colman, effective July 1, 1972.

Colman in a letter to Presiding Judge Hammond said: "I wish to tender, for personal reasons, my resignation as Magistrate,

Area-D, Fifth District Court,

effective the first day of July,

1972." Judge Hammond said

Colman's letter had been

delayed in the mail. He had

served as magistrate for the

past three and a half years.

A State Bar grievance board

hearing panel on June 29

revoked Atty. Colman's license

to practice law in Michigan on

grounds of professional

misconduct.

Golf at Paw Paw Lk. G.C. Adv:

Flag Kit offer was discontinued

July 4th. Ashley Ford. Adv:

Good Luck Bruce!! Adv.



VICTOR AND VANQUISHED: Jesse Jackson, a leader of the Illinois delegation which early today succeeded in ousting Mayor Richard Daley's delegation from the Democratic National Convention, uses the shoulder of Daley aide Clyde Choate to hoist himself up in celebration as the results of rollcall were announced. Lower left is another defeated Daley aide, John Touhy. (AP Wirephoto)

## Science Gets Brief But Precious View Of Total Eclipse

By BILL STOCKTON

AP Science Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)

Delighted scientists drank champagne toasts to the successful airborne chase of an eclipse of the sun, which they say is certain to yield new findings about the fiery orb.

"We expect to find all sorts of new things," said a beaming Dr. Arthur Cox, the expedition's leader, after the team of astronomers regarded the pearly white grandeur of the solar corona Monday.

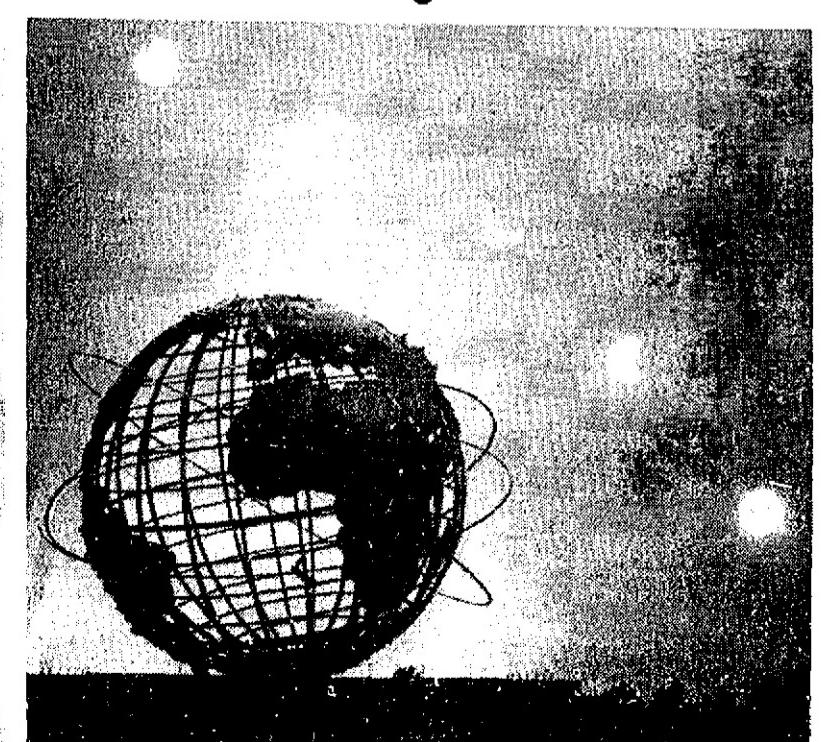
The corona is the ring of hot gases that stream millions of miles out into space. Scientists hope that

raced it, reaching 565 miles per hour. This gave the scientists a precious 116 additional seconds during which they could view the sun totally obscured and see the white corona etched against the blackness of space.

They kept their instruments in this path of "totality" for three minutes and 45 seconds, and the results, except for a few minor problems, delighted everyone.

When the sun vanished altogether at 3:42 p.m. EDT, the airplane's interior was almost as dark

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ECLIPSE PUTS ON SHOW: This multiple-exposure shows stages of the solar eclipse, starting at top left, as seen in New York City Monday afternoon. In foreground is World Fair's unisphere. Eclipse, which was seen in totality near the Arctic Circle only, was shot with use of double filters. (AP Wirephoto)



HANOI PRISONER: Capt. John Paul Cerak of New Jersey is shown on the "CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite" in film interview with Hanoi, Monday. Cerak, hitherto believed missing, made only the following statement: "My name is John Paul Cerak, my rank is captain. My serial number is 146-36-2824. I was born on 23 November 1944. I was shot down on 27 June 1972." (AP Wirephoto)

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#### Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at the shoreline today is 65 degrees.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# Stumbling Block To Welfare Reform

Poles apart as they are on how to run the country, Richard Nixon and George McGovern agree in principle that one way to aid the poor at less expense than it costs presently is to ban the middleman from the welfare program.

Three years ago Nixon urged Congress to adopt the guaranteed annual income.

McGovern pursues the negative income tax line of the government giving everyone a \$1,000 a year and then assess him under an income tax progressively higher than the current rates.

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has a more simplistic idea. He invaded the Democratic convention headquarters last week demanding seats for 700 SCLC delegates and a platform plank calling for a \$6,500 annual salary to poor families.

Scary as these suggestions sound, they do point at the root of the difficulty.

Next year Uncle Sam celebrates the 40th anniversary of being in the welfare business.

It started out under the New Deal as an emergency measure to fill the gap which the states and local governments could not fill because of a 25 per cent unemployment rate in the country.

FDR obtained Congressional sanction for direct relief and made work programs as a stopgap to the tune when the private employment sector could rise up from the floor.

The country crossed that bridge a long time ago only to see a worse breach replacing Roosevelt's dilemma — that of welfare becoming a way of life for an unduly large segment of the population.

There are many reasons for the emergency becoming permanent.

Poverty is a complex subject. No less than an authority than the Bible itself acknowledges the fact by the simple statement of "the poor ye shall always have with you." If the scholars in Biblical times could not fathom the conundrum in an agricultural age, we of the 20th century have at least a comparative excuse for failing to put the handle on the economic intricacies created by a computerized era.

Penetrating the maze leads to the second complication of the reformers conflicting among themselves on their aims. This is best illustrated by everyone involved in the diagnosis and prognosis

# Access Imperiled

East Germany, which has long been regarded as one of the most dogmatic of all communist states, has enacted a new stricture that may drastically affect not only its economy, but passenger travel between East Germany and West Berlin.

The government of Erich Honecker, East Germany's party chief, has placed a freeze on all East German salaries, with a monthly wage ceiling of 2,000 marks. The average wage-earner's income will remain about 750 marks (close to \$200).

In addition, all 3,200 remaining privately-owned firms and 5,600 semi-private concerns with partial state ownership will have to sell their interests to the state. The motive is to complete the socialization of the country and wipe out all remnants of capitalism.

The significance of these actions could be to cut down or eliminate free travel to the West, or the reverse, because the Honecker regime feared that thousands of East Germans would settle permanently in West Germany in search of higher living standards.

The two Germanys agreed last December to end harassment of Berlin traffic and time-consuming checks of vehicles at eastern checkpoints. The agreements, designed to end the cold war

saying reform must be meaningful. This is one of the more overworked adjectives in today's jargon. Theoretically, it indicates the difference between results and wasted effort. In practice it connotes the speaker's acceptance of what is being tried out as distinguished from the effort or its outcome.

Abe Ribicoff, the Connecticut Senator, and Dan Moynihan, the former aide to Johnson and Nixon, aptly describe two aspects in welfare which can be cornered but which remain as elusive as the first two targets.

One is the insistence on disguising subsidies.

Ribicoff estimated recently that Uncle Sam is running 168 anti-poverty programs at an annual cost of \$31 billion. Though many do not carry the anti-poverty label, their purpose and effect is there. Farm subsidies began under the New Deal for the announced intention to preserve the single family farm. Social Security's benefits extension to non-eligible workers is another example.

Ribicoff has said repeatedly that if a third of that annual expenditure went directly to the poor, poverty would disappear.

Moynihan's reaction to Ribicoff's conclusion is to agree with the Senator and to question how much will come of his opinion.

The Presidential advisor sees welfare as a double filtration. Some of the money gets to the poor but a lot is first siphoned off to those with a vested interest in the system: the vast army of payrollers running the plan and what Moynihan describes as a subsidized middle class.

"It," he wrote recently, "is not an interest of the poor but of those who minister to them."

More graphically, Moynihan drew this analogy: "These programs are more or less ingenious instances of that old technique: feed the horses in order to nourish the sparrows that are in the vicinity. The horses have always found this plausible."

Neither Ribicoff nor Moynihan who are looked upon as members of the liberal camp advocate allowing everyone to be a self-determinator of his needs as Abernathy proposes. There has to be suitable control at any lunch counter.

What should be cut out are the over control and misdirection in the system.

**in this perennial trouble spot, has run into snags over reciprocity and is not yet final.**

A stiffening attitude now would be a sad mistake, setting back the cause of amity and souring further negotiations over unimpeded access. It is up to the Big Four ambassadors, who authorized the talks, to bring the dissident factions together and convince both that if full normalization of relations is ever to be achieved this is a good place to start.

# The New Army

Emphasis on doing away with the "Mickey Mouse" tedium has been heavy in the drive to turn the U.S. Army into an attractive employment opportunity for young men. Too heavy, perhaps, because already there has been some backtracking.

How does one go about making the Army the kind of employer a sufficient number of youths would like to join as a potential career? Probably the same way any other employer would do it, with one major exception.

The draft has been unpopular with Americans each of the few times it has been employed. It was responsible for large draft riots and desertions during the Civil War. It fared better during World War II, after American outposts had been attacked. But there was grumbling about the unfairness of it all.

There is no need to reheat the problems the draft has run into during the course of the Vietnam war. It is sufficient to note a large number of people will be made happy if the concept of an all volunteer Army is successful.

So removing the draft altogether becomes a prime requirement for changing the Army's image. The higher pay scales now in effect certainly help, as do the revised living accommodations and relaxed regulations on personal grooming.

In the final analysis, however, it is not the gingerbread which influences morale. It is the ability of the organization to do its job, do it well and do it with the least fuss possible. That yardstick will apply to the new Army as well.

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# Taking Him For A Ride



Bruce Biosset

# 'Whole-Bodied' Heroes Are Few



MIAMI BEACH (UPI) — The Democrats' reformed presidential selection process may have the appealing virtues of openness and balance. But it has ground up candidates so badly that the party has almost no whole-bodied heroes left.

Nearly every Democrat of prominence is a member of the walking wounded here at this convention.

The betting favorite for the 1972 nomination Sen. George McGovern, has the words, "disaster for the ticket" plastered across his chest. The rival Democrats who put it there have been bad-mouthing like crazy for weeks.

As for the rivals, a snarler bunch of losers seldom has been collected under one roof.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, who bravely tilted against a whole convention on the civil rights issue in 1968, never really cut it at all with the Democratic voters of 1972. He won just four primaries to McGovern's 10, and none was really impressive. He never came close to getting even half the delegates he needed for nomination.

Worse still, he turned mean-spirited and destructive of good faith in his last efforts to block McGovern by trying to take some of the latter's California delegates away from him.

Sen. Edmund Muskie, once the party's Lincoln-esque frontrunner who seemed almost



# Busing Fiasco And McGovern

In the statement he made after signing the Federal aid to education bill, President Nixon pungently criticized the 92nd Congress for waffling on the busing issue, and, not incidentally, served notice that busing-for-racial-balance would be a prime issue in the coming election.

As far as the election is concerned, the Democratic leadership in Congress would have done George McGovern a big favor by passing tough anti-busing legislation.

If they had done so, Sen. McGovern could have stood up and said that though he, personally, was a busing enthusiast, well, Congress had spoken and he would uphold the law. As it stands now, McGovern is stuck as the busing candidate.

The whole argument about busing, however, is now rather like a dispute about how many angels can stand on the head of a pin among people who have given up the belief in angels. For the entire rationale for busing has evaporated.

If bad had been bad that racial balancing made for improved classroom performance on the part of ghetto pupils. This being so, it was further argued, to deny them the benefit of a

poor. The educational rationale for busing vanishes under the impact of the facts. Armor's critics, when not reduced to calling him a fascist and a racist, are forced back to frivolous justifications for busing. For example, that even when racial balancing projects increase group hostility, this is desirable, because it's good for a child to experience hostility and conquer it, etc., etc. But these are frivolities. There existed only one serious argument for so drastic a program, and now that this argument has been shot down the discussion ought to be closed.

Weirdly enough, however, the reverse is true. Even as the rationale disappears, the issue moves to the center of political controversy, and may even be decisive in the fall Presidential election. Established black spokesmen, as well as ideological liberals, seem frozen in a pro-busing stance not because busing is of any practical benefit but because it is a test of one's liberal purity. And so much legal momentum has been built up that the question will certainly go all the way to the Supreme Court.

# BERRY'S WORLD at the Democratic Convention



"MY MAJOR IS POLI. SCI. HOW ABOUT YOU, SIR?"

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*Smaller Levy Asked In Second Election*

## St. Joe School Board To Seek 4.3 Mills

The St. Joseph Board of Education voted last night to seek 4.3 mills in the July 31 special election.

The board was able to reduce its millage request, from 5.1 to 4.3, because the state legislature has passed a state aid bill increasing the amount of funds St. Joseph schools will receive. According to Richard Ziehmer, St. Joseph school superintendent, the increase in state aid is the first in recent history.

St. Joseph schools will receive an additional \$80,000 more than was anticipated at the time of the June 12 election. The 4.3 mills will now help produce exactly the same total revenue \$4,324,000, that was sought with the help of the 5.1 mills in June, when the additional \$80,000 state aid is added.

Ziehmer said that if the 5.1 mills had passed in June the school system's deficit would have been further reduced past the \$106,000 reduction now planned under the new millage

proposal.

The \$106,000 represents one-half of the school system's \$212,000 deficit.

The board is not yet sure when a third election will be held if the July 31 millage request is voted down. August 28 was the date eyed by the board for a third try, but according to the Berrien County Election commission that date is not available.

Ziehmer noted that any date before Sept. 15 will allow the millage, if passed, to be put on the tax rolls for the upcoming school year.

The board decided to allocate an amount not to exceed \$865 for the repair of the entrance to Upton Junior high school and some spots along the east entrance. To date, only one bid has been received by the school for the repair work. Repair will

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## Elect Bentley President Of School Board

*BH Studies Replacement  
Of Legal Counsel*

Benton Harbor board of education last night elected E. E. (Bill) Bentley of Fairplain president for 1972-73. Bentley, who came on the board last year, had been vice president.

The board postponed setting the amount of operating millage that will be voted on in a special election Aug. 21. Supt. Raymond Srebo recommended that the board also place a 1.5-mill building and site levy on the ballot, principally to meet long-standing fire marshal's recommendations for new heating and ventilating systems in the 1924 section of the high school.

Bentley said three new board members need some time to study the background of the issues and that action could be taken at a special meeting on specifics.

A 3.5-mill operating tax was defeated June 12 along with a \$25 million bond issue for construction and renovation throughout the district.

Bentley and all new board officers were elected without a dissenting vote. Other officers: Frank Culby, vice president; Mrs. Irene Fox, secretary;

Mrs. Janet Scott, treasurer. Culby won election to the board last month. Mrs. Fox is senior member of the board in point of service with three years, and Mrs. Scott has been on the board a year.

Unanimity was broken on only one matter during the organizational session, followed by the regular monthly meeting.

The board balked at reappointment of Small, Shafer and Small as general legal counsel for the district. Instead, by a 5 to 2 vote, the board instructed the administration to submit 10 other names from the bar association ranks for board consideration.

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Fox voted against the motion with Mrs. Fox saying the firm has given the district excellent legal counsel. Voting for the motion to consider others were Bentley, Bernard Beland and three new members Culby, Ervin Kampe and Philip McDonald.

However, a motion by Mrs. Fox that the firm continue as counsel in cases now pending carried unanimously.

Atty. Robert P. Small, senior member of the firm, has represented the district in various court cases and hearings on attempts by suburban areas to transfer out of the district.

The State Board of Education has upheld the district's official stand against transfers in three of four cases over the past two years.

The Benton Harbor board last year sought other names as a replacement for Small but wound up retaining his firm as general counsel.

There were no objections last night to retention of two other law firms — the Lansing office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone as counsel for bond issues and elections; and the Kalamazoo firm of Huston and Jacobs for labor relations.

Retained for the 1972-73 audit was the Benton Harbor accounting firm of Herkner, Sims, Miskill and Johnson.

The board voted to keep its regular meeting date of the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Alden Bierman library.

Other board positions filled were Robert R. Smith, district business manager as board recording secretary; Kampe as legislative delegate to the Michigan Association of School Boards; Mrs. Fox as representative and McDonald as alternate to the Berrien County School Board association.

A vacant principalsip was filled and another created with the transfer of Rance Deckard to principal of Fairplain West-Northwest schools. Deckard had been principal of Johnson-Millburg-Spinks Corners since 1968. Robert Lane, distributive education coordinator at BHHS, was named director of vocational education replacing Neal Blinkman who is moving to Wisconsin.

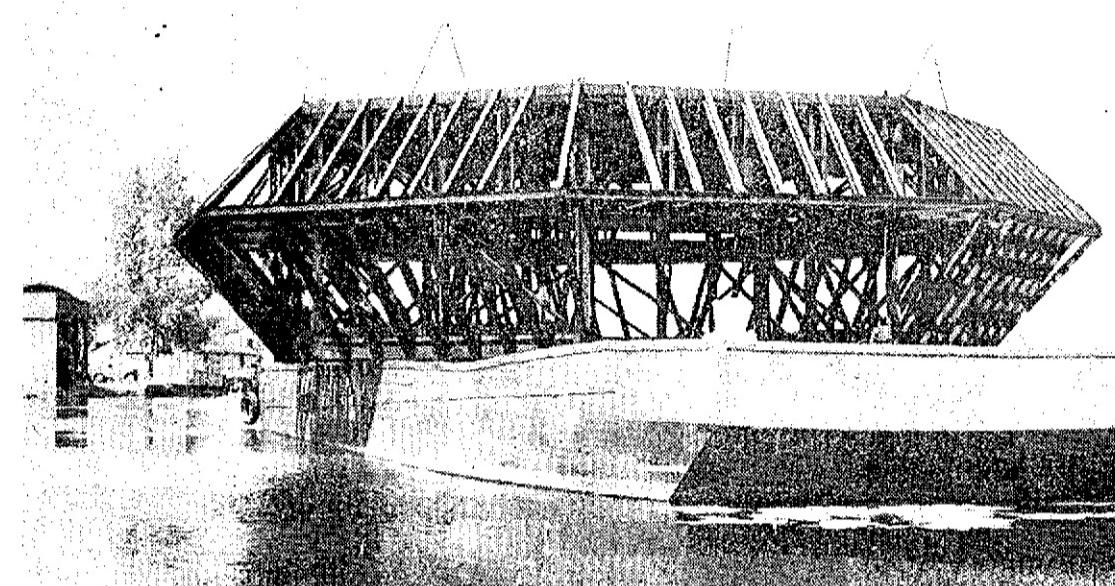
E. E. (BILL) BENTLEY  
Heads BH Board

## Lamp Causes Blaze

Benton Harbor firemen yesterday extinguished a fire in a mattress which they said started when a lamp tipped over and started the bedding on fire.

The fire occurred at 5:53 p.m. at the home of Walter McIntosh, 614 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, according to fire fighters.

Firemen said a lamp had been sitting on a headboard, and the light shorted out and fell onto the mattress, igniting it. Firemen said the minor blaze, which took two minutes to extinguish, caused minor smoke, fire, and water damage to some upstairs rooms in the house.



**FROM MARS?**: Strange object in Benton Harbor ship canal looks like it might be frame for flying saucer. Actually, it's a crib for intake line at Donald C. Cook Nuclear plant under construction at Bridgeman. Two of the cribs are tied up in the canal and a third will arrive

later. One is scheduled to be taken to the plant site this week. The three cribs eventually will be located one-half mile off shore, 10 to 12 feet below the surface. Cribs were manufactured by Steel-Sab at Muskegon. (Walter M. Booth photo)

## 'Live-In-City' Ordinance Eyed For BH Employees

Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph is seeking an ordinance that would require all future municipal employees to reside within the corporate limits.

He said present city employees, who are not now residing in Benton Harbor, would not be affected by provisions of such an ordinance.

The mayor unveiled his plan during last night's city commission meeting. He said the first step is to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of his proposed ordinance. He charged the commission's legislative committee to spearhead the study. No time limit was set.

Asked about an ordinance that would affect future employees of Benton Harbor, while exempting those already on the payroll, Joseph responded.

He said persons who are paid by Benton Harbor taxpayers owe it to these taxpayers to live in the city where they are paid.

There was a note of leniency in Joseph's voice, when he spoke about present non-resident city employees:

"It would not be fair to present employees, who may be paying for homes, to ask them to relocate to the city."

There also was an opinion from Benton Harbor City Atty. Samuel Henderson.

Henderson said an ordinance, new on the books, requires that city employees, except specific officers described in the city charter, must reside within a 10-mile radius of the city.

Henderson said that to require these employees to relocate under a new ordinance to retain their jobs, might deny them due process of law.

The city charter states the city manager and elected officials must reside within the corporate limits. Henderson said. Elected officers are the mayor and city commissioners.

All other employees, including appointed department heads, may reside outside the city.

The residence, especially of department heads who do not reside in Benton Harbor, has been a source of complaints,

voiced by citizens from time to time, during past city commission meetings. The general theme of these complaints has been that, "They get their pay from taxpayers of Benton Harbor, why don't they live in Benton Harbor?"

Of 15 current department heads, eight reside in Benton Harbor, and seven live outside the city.

Commissioners also have been voicing at the commissioners by citizens, who have left the city was not hiring enough employees from within the city. The general response has been that the city would rather hire employees from the city, but outsiders had to be hired when no residents applied for the jobs. Another response has been that civil service jobs require examinations. Hiring here has been based on top scores, regardless of

residency.

How applicants for municipal jobs would feel about having to reside in Benton Harbor after such an ordinance were adopted in to effect, isn't known.

The issue of municipal employees residing in corporate city limits has touched off legal battles in Detroit that have reached the Michigan Supreme Court and may go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Detroit common council adopted ordinances forcing police and general employees to move out of the city.

Poiler fought the decision to

the state high court, which ruled that the city government may adopt such ordinances.

Atty. Henderson said he has heard that police may appeal this to the U.S. Supreme Court. It was reported, however, that Detroit did not

have a current ordinance regulating a set distance outside the city where employees may reside.

Henderson indicated that a new Benton Harbor ordinance involving future employees should be legally acceptable.

In other commission business

Monday, approval was given to a request by Can-Amer

Olympiad Games, Inc., to sell

paper pins on the streets, Friday, July 21. The money would help finance the annual event.

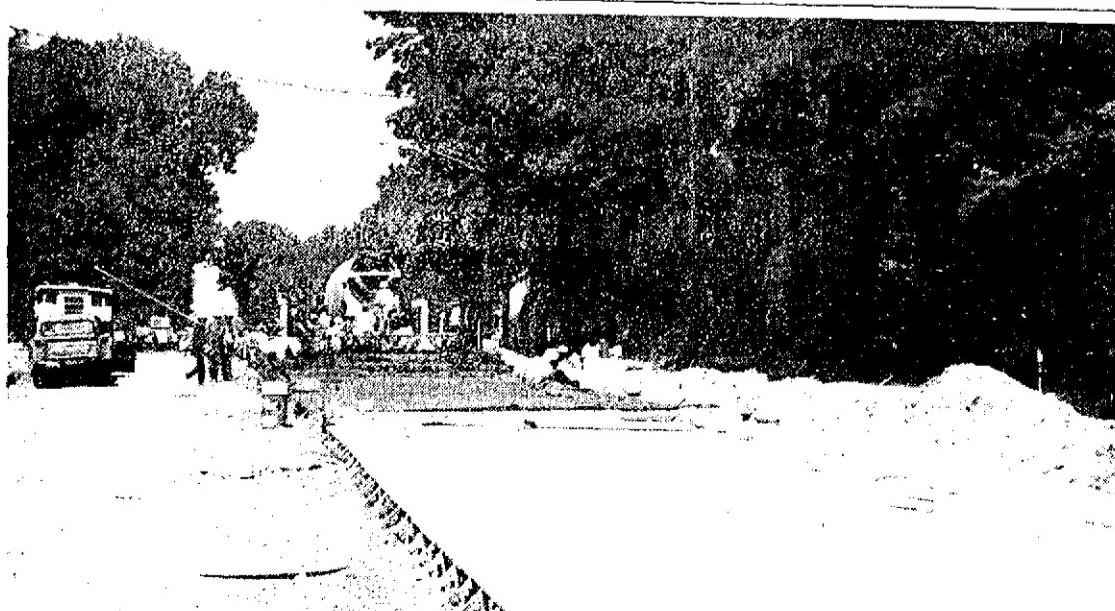
While the vote was unanimous, Commissioner Carl Brown said he was "dismayed" to learn that none

of the Can-Amer activities is to

be held in the City of Benton Harbor. Brown was joined by Commissioner Charles Yarbrough in wanting to know why.

Larry Nielsen, director of the

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**PAVING BEGINS**: Problems caused by preparation work along Waukonda avenue in Benton Harbor and Benton township, were forgotten by residents Monday, as paving work began. By 10 a.m., John G. Yerington Concrete Co. machines and crews had laid 785 feet of paving. By end of day, paving on north lane was reported laid between Woodland avenue in the township to Forest avenue in city. Waukonda, a dirt street, has

been closed, except to cross traffic, for several months, while storm sewers and larger 12-inch water line were installed. Delay occurred when Michigan Gas Utilities Co. was unable to obtain certain materials on schedule, it was reported. Completion was targeted for next October, but may be later. Cost is \$465,638 under Model Cities project. (Staff photo)

## Curb, Gutter Bill Reduced \$1.50 A Foot

*SJ Apartment Expansion  
Runs Into Hurdle*

The St. Joseph city commission last night voted to reduce from \$4.50 to \$3.00 per front foot the assessment to south Lake Shore drive property owners for curb and gutters recently installed in the area.

The reduction in the assessment was decided on by the commissioners after a group of 25 property owners protested the assessment at last week's meeting.

Last night's meeting was attended by 34 of the property owners and were told by St. Joseph Mayor Franklin Smith,

"There is a question in the minds of the commissioners as to what percentage of benefit you are receiving from this project."

"While no one in the city gets 100 per cent benefit from a project like this, you are getting probably even less. You must admit, however, that the paving, curb and gutters have improved your property and we believe that \$3.00 per front foot is a fair price."

Commissioner Joseph Hamley offered the resolution for the \$3.00 assessment with support coming from Commissioner Warren Gast. The resolution passed 4-0 with Commissioner C. A. Tobias absent from the meeting.

No one in the group of property owners offered any statement on the reduction of the assessment. But Atty. David Vander Ploeg, 2214 Lake Shore drive, questioned the legality of any assessment.

Vander Ploeg, citing section four of the St. Joseph city charter, called it a "Johnny-Come-Lately" assessment that was contrary to procedures set

forth in the charter.

Vander Ploeg said the charter calls for hearings before a project which will result in special assessment is started.

St. Joseph City Atty. Arthur G. Preston Jr. upheld the legality of the city's action explaining that the state, not the city, instigated the project.

"Therefore," said Preston, "I rule that the procedure used by the city in this case is legal under the circumstances."

Frank Dudley, 2612 Cleveland avenue, asked if the St. Joseph school system was going to pay for the some 1,000 feet of curb and gutters installed along its property.

City Manager Leland Hill answered, "Under state law they don't have to pay unless they want to."

Another proposed St. Joseph apartment project ran into a snag when the commissioners got ready to act on a St. Joseph Planning Commission recommendation that Ben Teitel, of South Haven, be allowed to add 58 units to the Lakewood Apartments now and 50 at a later date.

Commissioner Gast said, "Apartments are becoming a problem in St. Joseph. They do not help finance our schools and they do not help finance our city. I would like to see more single dwelling units built in our city. Apartments inject too many children in our school system and the families are not paying their full load."

Teitel replied that he is paying "a full load of taxes" on his property at 3001 Lake Shore drive.

He told commissioners that, due to the smallness of his apartments, "They do not make suitable dwellings for families with children" and noted that only six children now live in the present 138 unit complex.

Teitel, when questioned about construction and condition of the apartments raised by commissioners, invited the city's governing body out for any inspection tour. His offer was accepted.

Teitel had requested a zone change for a 300 x 350 plot north of the present complex from light industrial to multi-family use.

The commission delayed any action on the request until after the inspection tour.

In another apartment matter, the commission accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission that a special use permit to construct a four-unit apartment building on the corner of Wayne and Market streets be denied.

The request, made by Wrightman & Associates, 615 Elm street, St. Joseph, would have made the occupancy density of the 66 x 81 plot too high, the commission members said when denying the request.

A resolution was passed, on the recommendation of City

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## Coloma Voters Reject 6-Mill Levy 2nd Time

By CLIFF STEVENS

Coloma Correspondent

COLOMA — Coloma school district voters yesterday rejected for the second time a six-mill property tax proposal

sought for financing school operations.

The vote was \$11 against 812 in favor according to tabulations by the school administration. The proposal was

defeated the first time 725 to 586 on June 12.

Involved in the package was the proposed renewal of a three-mill levy which expired with the last tax collections and the addition of three more mills.

The package was to produce about \$270,000 yearly and was intended to finance payment of a deficit from this year's operation, open two new school buildings and meet added operating costs. The district's proposed budget for next year had been pegged at \$2.7 million.

After learning of the defeat, school board members instructed William Barrett, school superintendent, to request authority from the state board of education to operate the 1972-73 school year on a reduced school day for all grades.

Board members also instructed the administrators to make plans for the upcoming school year without the use of the two new buildings and to cover the possibilities of closing Pier and Clymer school and no bus transportation to and from school.

Marshall Badt, school board president, said, "As far as I'm concerned, the people have spoken."

Badt repeated his displeasure of the cuts being called, "threats."

"These cuts are not threats. They're facts and we must deal with them," he said.

School board member Dr. James Galles added, "I'm tired of fighting people to educate their kids."

Board members discussed briefly the possibility of setting another millage election vote, but took no action on the proposal at the present time.

Barrett said that if the state approves the reduced school day for the 1972-73 school year, students will attend school four hours a day, instead of the usual five hours and that the school would go into more social studies classes because larger classroom sizes are permitted.

Barrett said he would also check into insurance policies for the school systems stationery fleet to cover vandalism and damage.

In other board action, Badt was re-elected board president for the 1972-73 year. Other officers elected were Kay Erickson, vice-president; Richard Eastman, secretary.

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**GAST HONORED:** Donald Gast, right, last night was awarded a plaque bearing a gavel commemorating his past year as president of the Lakeshore school board. Gast, who chose not to seek re-election this year after serving two terms on the board, received the plaque from his successor, President John Steinke, acting on behalf of the rest of the board. (Staff photo)

## Lakeshore Board Elects Steinke New President

By ORVIN JOHNSON

Staff Writer

John Steinke was the unanimous choice of Lakeshore school board members last night to head the board in the new school year.

Steinke, who has been serving as board secretary, tops a slate of officers that also includes George Zinkl, vice-president; Mary Jane Wiedenmaier, secretary; and Bud Totzke, treasurer.

The new officers, all incumbents, were joined for the first time by three board

## Doctor Joins Clinic

ALLEGAN — Dr. Jeffry A. Abrams, 27, has begun medical practice here, in association with the new Allegan Medical Clinic.

Abrams, a general practitioner, is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Ohio State Medical School. He has just completed his internship at Midland Hospital, Midland.

Abrams will be located initially at the offices of Dr. Orhan Tugrul and Dr. H. E. Schmittler, and will join the other members of the Allegan Medical Clinic in the new Doctors' Office complex adjoining Allegan General Hospital when construction of the complex is complete.

A Cleveland native, Abrams and his wife have two children.

members elected in the June 12 election: Alice McClelland, George Schuch and Raymond Frye.

Released to a reporter for this newspaper were copies of 1972-73 administrative salaries and pay schedules for non-certified personnel approved by the board at their June 26 meeting. Though officially withheld by the board until last night, the figures proved to be identical with those provided to this paper by an unnamed source and published on July 3.

The pay figures were part of minutes approved by the board, then supplied to the press at the suggestion of Zinkl.

Zinkl had declined to release any figures until ratification of the minutes, maintaining they would not be official until that time.

In response to a question by Zinkl, Supt. Lionel Stacey said figures based on the new schedules had been fed to computers and had become the basis for pay checks, issued July 7, to year-round personnel. Administrators' contracts are still being reviewed by the board's attorneys and remain unsigned, he added.

The total package for administrators will cost \$184,358, some \$9,842 over last year. The range in salaries extends from \$13,800 to \$24,800, compared with \$12,858 to \$23,000 last year.

Under the increases, Stacey is to receive \$24,000 in the year, up \$1,000 over last year's figure.

Other increases boosted Asst. Supt. William Galbreath to \$21,000 yearly from \$20,000; High School Principal Jon Schuster, \$19,000 from \$18,000; (See page 18, column 6)



**FIRE DESTROYS PICKLE PLANT:** Firemen from three communities battled blaze that destroyed pickle processing plant in Geneva township near South Haven Monday afternoon. Fire at the George Hupp, Inc., plant on 66th street started shortly after 5 p.m. Flames were visible six miles away in South Haven. Owner Hupp of Plymouth, Ind., estimated damage at \$25,000. South Haven firemen were assisted by the Casco and

Covert departments. Cause of the blaze has not been determined but neighbors reported hearing an explosion seconds before flames appeared through the roof. Eight South Haven and Casco firemen were given oxygen at the scene by Van Buren county sheriff's deputies but none of the eight required hospitalization. (Tom Renner photo)

## Buchanan Makes Land Offer For South County Building

### ADC Dad Must Pay \$500 In 4 Months

An ADC father was ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to produce \$500 within four months on a \$1,735 child support arrearage in addition to making weekly payments on arrears.

Judge William S. White found Herbert Williams, of 1225 Collax, Benton Harbor, in contempt for arrears for two children on ADC and ordered the \$500 payment plus a wage assignment for \$21 a week support and \$9 weekly on arrears, George Westfield, friend of the court, reported.

Williams also was placed on two years' probation, he added.

The site on Redbud Trail North is located just south of Armand's restaurant and county as a site for the proposed south county building.

Disclosure of the offer came as the commission adopted a

resolution proposed by the Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce dedicating the city to the objectives of providing all county services which they are not now getting to all citizens by locating a south county building within the city limits.

A committee of the county board of commissioners is studying the feasibility of a south county building to house county agencies.

In other business, the commission rejected a request from Midwest Tank and Fabrication company for city police to make routine property checks of the plant area.

In a letter to the commission, Frank E. Fisher, executive vice president, said the request

was based on a past history of break-ins at the plant prior to its recent acquisition by Midwest.

The request was turned down because the plant, located on Fourth Street road, is outside city limits in Buchanan township.

The commission accepted the bid of \$14.70 per ton by Domtar Chemicals, Inc., of Schiller Park, Ill., to supply 400 tons of road salt. It was the lowest of six bids.

Because the city has not had

previous dealings with the company, the commission also accepted the bid of \$15.45 per ton from Morton Company of Detroit as an alternate. Last year the city bought from Morton at \$14.70.

The commission also approved a five cent per hour cost-of-living increase for city employees, effective July 1, and created the office of city surveyor. The city manager was authorized to fill the office by appointment, with compensation on an hourly basis.

## Bridgeman Plans Swimming Pool Bond Proposal

**BRIDGEMAN** — A bonding proposal for the construction of a community swimming pool at the new Bridgeman high school site will be submitted to Bridgeman voters at some future date, the Bridgeman school board voted last night.

Neither a date nor a money amount was specified in the board action.

Supt. David Lechner said planning and engineering studies would be necessary before any more specific action would be taken. He speculated after the meeting that the issue would probably be put before the people sometime in the next year.

In other action, the board re-elected Leonard Stelter president, Frank Mikal vice-president, Robert Roth secretary and elected Joseph Lorraine Zeldman.

Joe Mensel was hired as a high school custodian, to begin July 24. Mrs. Kathleen Deldorph was hired as high school office secretary, to begin immediately.

The board voted to continue holding its regular meeting on the first Monday of each month, but changed the starting time from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



**PICKING UP BELONGINGS:** Mrs. Judith D. Zimmerman (right), 38, driver of car, and daughter Linda, 15, remove personal items from their overturned car as bystander helps. Benton Harbor state police said mother and daughter of 205 North Maplewood drive,

Berrien Springs, sustained apparently slight injuries in accident yesterday afternoon at M-139 near Miners Road, Royalton township. Police said car ran onto shoulder of road, rolled over guard rail and down embankment. (Staff photo)

The board approved a \$15,804 bid for ground preparation and